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**FRAYSER NAMED  
FOR TREASURER****Chairman of Board of  
Supervisors Succeeds  
Hechler.****O'BANNON WILL  
BE HIS DEPUTY****Deposed Officer Will Seek Vin-  
dication at Hands of People  
and the Coming Political  
Campaign in County  
Promises to Be  
Lively.**

Mr. William B. Frayser, chairman of the board of supervisors of Henrico county, was yesterday appointed by Judge Scott treasurer of the county to fill the unexpired term.

The new treasurer succeeds Mr. Henry C. Hechler, who, after a court hearing, was removed for malfeasance in office. Judge Scott has had the appointment under advisement for the past ten days, and announced his decision yesterday morning from the bench just after opening the daily session of the Henrico Circuit Court.

Later in the day Mr. Frayser announced the selection of Mr. Sidney M. O'Bannon as his deputy, the appointment meeting with high approval from all connected with the courthouse.

**Well Known in County.**  
A native of New Kent county, Mr. Frayser has made his residence in Henrico county for the past thirty-six years. He has been a prosperous farmer, operating on a large scale. His home is in Varina District, about two miles below Fulton, and is a handsome place, with many modern improvements.

Mr. Frayser said yesterday that he would arrange his bond and qualify for the duties of the office as soon as possible. The treasurer's office has been closed for the past ten days, since the Supreme Court sustained Judge Scott in the removal of Mr. Hechler. It is probable that the county supervisors will have the books of the office examined and put in order by an expert accountant previous to Mr. Frayser's taking charge. It will be remembered that Messrs. Boudar and Son examined the office as of October 1, 1906, and it was as a result of discrepancies found then that proceedings were instituted against the former treasurer. It is probable that this examination be brought down to date, and the books and papers turned over to him with a clean balance sheet and a correct certificate from some responsible accountant.

**Resigns from Board.**  
Shortly after the appointment of treasurer was made yesterday Mr. Frayser tendered to Judge Scott his resignation as a member of the board of supervisors of the county, which was accepted. Judge Scott did not indicate, however, whom he would appoint to fill the vacancy and represent Varina District on the board.

For the past four years Mr. Frayser has been chairman of the board, and there is some speculation as to whom this honor will fall. Mr. Browning is the senior member of the board in point of service, but his health is not good, and he has before declined the honor of the chairmanship, with the extra duties involved. It is probable, therefore, that the position will go to Mr. C. W. Saunders, of Glen Allen, the representative of Brookland District. The three members of the board constitute a quorum, and may continue to act pending the appointment by Judge Scott of a representative for Varina.

Mr. Sidney O'Bannon, who has been appointed as Mr. Frayser's deputy, is well known in the county, having been for some time secretary of the County Democratic Committee. Mr. O'Bannon is a resident of Barton Heights and a son of the late Captain J. H. O'Bannon, State Superintendent of Public Printing. Mr. Sidney O'Bannon has for some years been an assistant to Mr. Davis Bottom, the present State Public Printer.

Although the office of the Treasurer has not been in operation for the past ten days, comparatively little confusion has resulted. Only a few warrants were out at the time the office was closed, and only a few calls to pay taxes at this time of the year. It is pointed out, however, that in

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**GRAPESHOT VS.  
SCYTHE BLADES****That Is the Condition of  
Affairs in the Rou-  
mania Riots.****FIELD GUNS  
STRIKE TERROR****Many Women Are Fighting in  
the Insurgent Ranks and  
Have Been Found Dead  
Beside Their Hus-  
bands and  
Sons.**

BUCHAREST, March 30.—Field guns loaded with grapeshot, according to the official reports, are winning against the revolutionary peasantry, whose arms are mostly bay forks and scythe blades. The insurgents were able to hold their own against the troops at close quarters, and even withstood cavalry charges, doing terrible execution with long-pronged forks and scythe blades strapped to long poles, but the slaughter since the troops used artillery appears to be terrifying them into submission. The government hopes, that with the leaders in jail, the undisciplined bands will soon abandon the field. The self-styled "generals" usually turn out to be country school masters and village priests.

Many women are fighting in the insurgent ranks, and some of them have been found among the killed, side by side with their husbands, sons and brothers. Details of the attack made by the peasants on Galtz show that a pitched battle was fought. The insurgents, who were several thousand strong, commenced the assault at midnight, carried the outer earthworks by storm and captured the suburb, which they set on fire after pillaging it. Three battalions of infantry attempted to stem the peasants' entry into the city itself, but the fork and scythe-armed rustics fought desperately, hand to hand, and had almost routed the troops when the governor ordered field guns, loaded with grape shot, to be fired at the insurgents, who wavered and then fled.

The fire of the guns wrought havoc on the retreating masses. In some instances whole villages are said to have been utterly destroyed by fire of nine-inch shells.

**Appeal to Root.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—Secretary of State Root has received a number of appeals from Jewish organizations in this country for the exercise of good offices by the United States for the protection of the Jews in Roumania, who are suffering from the excesses of the rebellious peasantry of that country. So far the Secretary has been unable to say how he could make any representations on the subject with benefit to the distressed people in view of the fact that the uprising of the peasantry appears to be directed against the throne, which is doing everything possible to stop the disorders.

**DANGLED AT END  
OF HIS SUSPENDERS****Sympathetic Cellmate Groaned  
So Loud Officer Came Out  
and Got Kessler.**

"I am tired of living, for there is nothing on this earth for me," said Ernest Kessler, as Policeman Matt pulled him down from the window of cell No. 3 at the First Station last night.

Kessler had been arrested for being engaged in a fight with Willie Tait. He had a "beard" on, and Tait had some marks of a conflict about his countenance.

The two men, when arrested, were placed in separate cells, but Kessler said he had taken a lot of dope, and was ready to shuffle off his mortal coil.

The man is a well-known figure in the Police Court, and has served many days in jail for various offenses, the principal one of which is that of drunkenness. When he was placed in the cell last night, he was very drunk. There was another drunk in the cell with him, and that individual was "hurs" do combat. Kessler took his suspenders, tied them around his neck and attached the other end to the topmost round in the barred window, then he became a drunken man below saw him and uttered a groan.

Kessler also groaned, and the noise was heard by Officer Matt, who was on duty at the station-house. He ran to the cell and cut the man down.

Kessler grew quieter, but later tried to tie his trousers around his neck. This plan to kill himself was also frustrated, and two other prisoners were placed in the cell with orders to watch the would-be suicide, who up to this morning morning Kessler was still in the land of the living.

**BURNED DISTRICT OF SOUTH BOSTON, SHOWING ON  
RIGHT REYNOLDS' FACTORY WHERE FIRE STARTED****TAFT OR FORAKER?  
IS THE QUESTION****Brother of Secretary of War  
Throws Down the Gage  
of Battle.****LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE**

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 30.—In reply to the statement made public by Senator J. B. Foraker a few days ago, Charles P. Taft, proprietor and editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star, gave out the following to-day in behalf of his brother, Secretary of War Taft:

"Senator Foraker's statement indicates that he is running for the Presidency and for the Senatorship. The friends of Secretary Taft are urging him for the Presidency, as the Senator has concluded the two offices in this primary contest. Secretary Taft's friends accept the proposition, and will make it a distinct contest. Taft for the Presidency or Senatorship, or Foraker for the Presidency or Senatorship."

"If the Republicans of Ohio, by their votes at the primary, indicate that they prefer Foraker for the Presidency or Senatorship, Secretary Taft is eliminated from the situation. "If the people of Ohio indicate Secretary Taft for the Presidency or Senatorship, Senator Foraker is eliminated from the political situation in Ohio. "This is a direct contest between the friends of the administration of President Roosevelt and his opponents. We are willing to submit it to the Republican voters of Ohio, and the sooner the better."

(Signed) "CHARLES P. TAFT."

**Foraker Is Silent.**  
WASHINGTON, March 30.—When shown the statement to-day of Charles P. Taft, brother of Secretary William Taft, in reply to the one recently issued by Senator Foraker on the political issues in Ohio, the latter declined to be interviewed. "I attach no importance whatever to it," said Senator Foraker, "and therefore refuse to discuss it in any way."

**S. S. AXMINSTER ASHORE  
ON FRYINGPAN SHOALS**

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 30.—A special from Wilmington, N. C., to the Morning News says: "The British steamship Axminster, Savannah, to Manchester, England, is aground on Fryingpan Shoals. Conditions are reported hazardous."

**LADY ALMOST ROASTED  
ALIVE IN BURNING HOUSE****Trying to Save Her Furniture She Was Caught in  
the Blaze and Became Dazed from Pain—  
She May Possibly Recover.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WEST POINT, VA., March 30.—Late yesterday afternoon the house of Mr. John Casper, just above this place, caught on fire, presumably from a spark from the chimney (that fell on a roof that was covered with tar paper). The house burned rapidly, and Mrs. Casper undertook to save some of the furnishings in the burning house. In so doing she became somewhat dazed and so flustered that she seemed for the time being to lose her head. She became fearfully burned, and the chances are against her recovery.

**FIVE WEEKS FROM  
VA. TO WELLESLEY****Car Shipped from Richlands  
Takes Thirty-Five Days to  
Reach Massachusetts.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOSTON, March 30.—On top of many complaints against the Boston and Albany Railroad, that the corporation is ignoring rights of Boston shippers in favor of New York, comes a specific instance in charges brought by Henry Woods' Sons, paint manufacturers, of Wellesley. Secretary Fred J. Shaler, of the company, says a car of goods was shipped to the company February 12th, from Richlands, Va., which was five weeks in transit. For two weeks before its final delivery the road was nominally engaged in "tracing" the car, and while tracing it the car was delivered on a Wellesley siding.

**Easter Weather in Virginia.**

Partly cloudy and cooler to-day.  
Monday—Fair, light to fresh northwest winds.

**FARMER HANGS  
HIMSELF IN BARN****Simon E. Dodson Commits Su-  
icide at Home, Near Win-  
chester.****KNOW NO CAUSE FOR SUICIDE**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., March 30.—Simon E. Dodson, a well-known farmer, committed suicide at his home in South Winchester this afternoon.

Mr. Dodson complained of feeling unwell at noon and later was seen to go to his barn. Nothing was thought of the occurrence, however, but when he failed to return his wife investigated and found his lifeless body hanging from a rafter in the hay-mow. Mr. Dodson was fifty years of age, and is survived by his widow, who was Miss Susan Kauffman, daughter of J. H. Kauffman, a wealthy resident of the South End, and four daughters. The motive for taking his life is unknown.

**\$100,000 STATION  
FOR SALISBURY****The Southern Will Stop Double-  
Tracking on Account of  
Money.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The Southern Railway has awarded the contract for a new station at Salisbury, N. C. The building will be one story in height, and will be constructed of brick and granite. The cost, including approaches, track changes, etc., will approximate \$100,000. The building will be erected on recently acquired land just west of the present station. Frank P. Milburn is the architect, and the contract for the erection of the building has been awarded to the Central Carolina Construction Company.

It is stated semi-officially, that the Southern will not undertake further double-tracking as soon as the work now under way in Virginia and North Carolina is completed. Difficulty in obtaining money, owing to present stringency in the money market, is ascribed as the cause of discontinuance of the work.

**THAW SCORES  
AGAINST JEROME****Makes Ideal Witness on  
The Stand Despite  
Sharp Fire.****JEROME CLOSES  
WITH COMMISSION****Experts Will Be Heard on Tues-  
day Morning, But They Will  
Only Testify as to  
the Present Con-  
dition of the  
Prisoner.**

NEW YORK, March 30.—The plans of the Thaw lunacy commission to complete its work to-day and to submit a report to Justice Fitzgerald on Monday morning as to the present mental condition of the slayer of Stanford White were upset late this afternoon by an appeal from District Attorney Jerome to be allowed to produce more witnesses before the commission reaches a decision. After an all-day session, the commission adjourned until next Tuesday morning, at which time it will hear experts offered by the district attorney. Chairman McClure served notice, however, that the witnesses will be compelled to confine themselves to facts and opinions which deal with the present condition of Thaw, and will not be allowed to go into the past or future.

Harry Thaw was under direct examination by the commissioners for more than three hours to-day, and then for forty-five minutes he was under the fire of District Attorney Jerome on cross-examination. This cross-examination was allowed by the commission only after a vehement protest from the prosecuting officer that he had not been allowed sufficient latitude in the inquiry. Enjoying his first opportunity of questioning the defendant, Mr. Jerome attempted to go into Thaw's past life, but objections to this line of examination by Thaw's counsel were sustained by the commission, which held the district attorney to the direct issue before the lunacy board—whether Thaw is capable to-day of understanding the character of the proceedings against him and of rationally advising his counsel.

Thaw's direct and cross-examinations to-day were held behind closed doors, and the commission took extraordinary precautions to have the hearing kept secret.

**Dr. Hamilton Barred.**

When Thaw's ordeal was ended the doors were thrown open, and it was announced that the executive sessions were at an end. As soon as the session became public District Attorney Jerome called Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton to the stand. The commission had summoned Dr. Hamilton at the request of the district attorney. As the alienist took the stand, however, Thaw's counsel pleaded the professional privilege in bar of any testimony to be offered by him. Dr. Hamilton himself asked to be instructed on this point. Mr. Jerome claimed that the defense, by introducing Dr. Hamilton as a witness in the Thaw trial, had waived the right of privilege. The commission held that as the privilege had not been waived before it, Dr. Hamilton could not testify as to his personal examinations of Thaw. District Attorney Jerome took but a desultory interest in the proceedings after this, until it seemed that the commission was about to close its inquiry.

Then he jumped to his feet, protested that he had been hampered in the lunacy proceedings by the commission barring out pertinent testimony; declared that the commission had refused to "illuminate its installation" from documentary evidence which he had presented and had declined to hear expert testimony.

Mr. Jerome asserted with some feeling that if he were allowed the proper latitude he could prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Thaw is insane to-day and incapable of advising his counsel in a rational manner.

**Experts on Tuesday.**

After District Attorney Jerome had spoken at some length, Chairman McClure told him that if he could produce any experts who could give a competent opinion as to Thaw's present state of mind, the commission would hear them next Thursday morning.

"That is all I desire," said the district attorney.

When the public session began Dis-

**THE PARADE OF EASTER BONNETS AS ROSTRUP SEES IT**